

MINUTES OF THE
JACKSONPORT HISTORICAL SOCIETY
MAY 19, 2010

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Ray Osinski. Board Members present were Treasurer Kandie Skippon, Secretary Nancy Bemmann, Vice President Vicki Bley, Trustees Judy Cote, Herb Mueller, Mitch Honold, Dennis Dietrich and Patty Birnschein. Also present were Program Chair Eileen Roberts, Finance Committee Member Dawn Honold and Site Planning Committee Chairman Dick Birnschein.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Vicki Bley asked that under Old Business E. Cherry Fest Update should be added.

CORRESPONDENCE

In the JHS Newsletter was an article about Carmody's Store. JHS received a letter from Gerald Guth regarding the article and what wonderful memories he had regarding the store.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR APRIL 21, 2010

Motion by Bley seconded by Cote to approve the minutes of 4/21/2010. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Kandie reported that we continue to receive more donations. In fact JHS received more donations than memberships. Presently, JHS has \$20,243.09 in the checking account, the Root Cellar Fund holds \$2,368.85 and the Museum Fund holds \$13,986.92. All bills are paid.

Motion by Mueller seconded by Bley to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Site Planning Committee Status ~ Dick Birnschein was present to discuss progress with the site. Soil Specialists allowed Dick to use their equipment to move the dirt that is mounded on the property so that the site looks nicer. Dick also donated his time to do the work.

Dick asked that JHS pay Greg Chaudoir from Soil Specialists \$50 for the gas and send him a thank you note.

Motion by Mueller seconded by Honold to send a thank you note and \$50 to Greg Chaudoir to compensate for gas used in the excavator. President Osinski will send the letter. Motion carried.

B. Annual Meeting Update ~ Roberts explained that JHS will have an informal program on the history of hats. The program will be 30-45 minutes long.

Birnschein was still gathering *stuff* to raffle off at the dinner. She had purchased some really nice small sized tote bags and wondered what it would cost to have the JHS logo printed on them with the web site address. They come in a really nice off white color. Birnschein referred to the totes as book bags. Dawn Honold will check into it.

C. Site Plan Architect Update ~ Osinski wanted to see a blow up of the site indicating the buildings and boundaries of the property. It should also show where the buildings will be located as well as a picture of the cabin that's on site right now.

Dick indicated that the slab will be poured sometime next week. He moved the fill into one corner to get it out of the way so that it can be used later when needed. He suggested stakes be put in to outline where the buildings will be. He also suggested contacting Dave Burke for wood chips to keep the dirt on the property under control.

- D. Site Visitation Meeting Notes ~ The Board visited the JHS property site to evaluate where the cabin and other buildings are to be located. In order to refurbish the basic needs of the cabin, the board must approve another \$2,000 above the \$10,000 grant already received.

Motion by Mitch Honold seconded by Patty Birnschein to approve the extra expenditure of \$2000 to refurbish part of the cabin. Motion carried.

Another subject that came up was whether the property insurance will cover accidents when working on the cabin. It was suggested that JHS have a gathering of the clan to help with various repairs. Skippon had contacted Schopf Insurance and found that any JHS members who might get hurt are not covered. Only non-members are covered. The suggestion was made that Pat Schopf come to the next meeting and explain coverage.

- E. Cherry Fest Update ~ Vicki will have a Spinning Wheel Demo and is looking for 2 extra tents to accommodate that and jams and jellies. She found one but needs another one.

Vicki also spoke with Bob Spittlemeister about bringing his antique tractors and equipment to Cherry Fest. She's looking for other antiques that may be displayed to bring a little interest to the festivities and keep people mingling throughout the park. One suggestion was to bring in some old cars. With that conversation, Mueller would like to have an antique car show.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Finance Committee

1. Results of T-Shirt Order ~ Dawn brought samples of T-Shirts that had been ordered. She also had a sample of a red sweatshirt with the Jacksonport Logo. Prices will be determined later. The water bottles with the JHS logo, web site address and a map with a star indicating Jacksonport, had arrived at Mikes Pub. Kandie will store the water, provide coolers and pick up ice for the Maifest Festivities.

Bemmann will make signs indicating the price of t-shirts, sweatshirts and the water.

2. Discuss Grants ~ Dawn had looked into various grants and found that there is no money for shirts or things of that sort. She suggested advertising local businesses on the water bottles to help pay for the water.

Dawn spoke with Doug Blahnik who suggested contacting Eunice Rutherford. Eunice assisted Gibraltar and thought she would be a good resource for ideas and grants that might be out there. The Finance Committee will contact her to see if she would be willing to attend a Finance Committee Meeting.

- B. Discuss/Approve Work/Expenses to Upgrade Log Cabin – Already done under Old Business.

- C. Policy for an Effective Meeting ~ Osinski handed out a list of do's and don'ts regarding running a meeting.
1. Focus on the situation, issue, or behavior, not on the person;
 2. Maintain the self confidence and self esteem of others;
 3. Maintain constructive relationships;
 4. Take initiative to make things better;
 5. Lead by example;
 6. Think beyond the moment;
- D. Amend/Approve Collection Development Policy & Form ~ Bley provided the board with a copy of the Collection Development Policy & Form.

Motion by Birnschein seconded by Mueller to accept the collections policy and form. Motion carried.

- E. Discuss/Approve New Pictures & Articles for the Web Site ~ Bley has been putting pictures on the web site asking if anyone knows who the people are. She would like to do more miscellaneous posting and a wish list. Bemmann requested that she also put the minutes on the web site and Vicki agreed to do it.

Bemmann will be accepting volunteer hours forms to keep track of hours that people donate to JHS. Volunteer hours are important when writing grants. Anyone donating hours should turn the form into Nancy or a JHS member to forward to Nancy.

- F. JHS Member Assigned to the Scenic Byway Committee ~ This request was made last month by Jeanne Majeski. Eileen Roberts said she would be a temporary member until JHS can find someone to be on the Committee.

Dawn Honold agreed to look into it and her participation would depend on when the meetings are held.

There are monies available through the Scenic Byway however, whoever uses funds must match 20% of the monies offered.

- G. Donation of Barn on Jorns Road ~ Mueller had been approached by Frank and Bill Bley regarding moving a barn to the JHS site. Something like this would be a big project and moving it would depend on the condition of the building. The barn could be used as a museum if it's in good shape however, it might be cheaper to build something new. The board will look at the barn in the fall after the wheat crop has been harvested.

ITEMS FOR NEXT MONTH'S AGENDA

1. Have Pat Schopf attend the next meeting regarding insurance coverage.
2. Cherry Fest Update
3. Finance Committee Update
4. Site Planning Committee Update

Three board members will be up for replacement this year, Dennis Dietrich, Judy Cote and Vicki Bley. Birnschein will put a notice in the annual meeting announcement. We need to find members who are willing to serve for a 2 year term.

Meetings will begin at 6:30p.m. rather than 7:00p.m.

Motion by Birnschein seconded by Honold to adjourn. Motion carried.
Recorded by Secretary Nancy Bemmann